

Region 3 Fact Sheet

Geographic summary

States: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia

Virginia Tribes: Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division, Monacan Indian Nation, Nansemond Indian Nation, Pamunkey Indian Tribe, Rappahannock Tribe and the Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

Logistics

Regional Office headquarters: 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia PA 19103

Field offices:

- Chesapeake Bay Program, 410 Severn Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403
- Wheeling Office, 1060 Chapline Street, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Emergency Operations & Conference Center 7 Chelsea Parkway, Suite 707 Boothwyn, PA 19061

Laboratory: Environmental Science Center, 701 Mapes Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755

Staff: 719 FTE

Top environmental priorities and challenges

- Reduce the backlog of State Implementation Plans (SIPs) to meet Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) under the Clean Air Act by prioritizing rulemaking actions on over 130 ozone related SIPs.
- Support jurisdictions in building programs by 2025 that result in reducing nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment pollution to attain water quality standards in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal rivers as outlined in the Total Daily Maximum Load (TMDL) required by the Clean Water Act.
- Ensure clean and safe drinking water to communities and adequate state capacity to ensure compliance. Continue work with states to identify and mitigate challenges, reduce children's exposure to lead and copper, and address emerging contaminants such as PFOA and PFOS. Address compliance challenges exacerbated by aging and failing infrastructure in economically disadvantaged communities.
- Promote environmental stewardship in agricultural practices by partnering with State Agricultural Departments through recently signed MOUs to train, encourage and assist farmers in reducing nonpoint source pollution.
- Build new tribal program in Region 3 with 7 federally recognized tribes in Virginia. Assist the tribes in utilizing their first GAP grants to increase tribal capacity to recognize and address environmental concerns.
- Reduce childhood lead exposures and health impacts in targeted cities and communities with aging infrastructure through traditional and innovative activities for all exposure pathways.
- Implement Enforcement Memorandums of Agreement with all states that will outline roles and responsibilities for undertaking enforcement actions, to create consistency and to better serve the regulated community.
- Develop innovative compliance assurance activities which meet new expectations for compliance monitoring objectives while protecting the health and safety of EPA staff, public and regulated entities during the pandemic.
- Develop analytical methods and add capability in the Region 3 laboratory for emerging environmental issues or contaminants, such as PFAS and ethylene oxide in air.
- Concurrently implement four new leases with relocations: Chesapeake Bay Office, COOP site, Wheeling Office and, Region 3 HQs Philadelphia Office. Projects involve very detailed coordination with GSA and others.
- Target Brownfields program resources utilizing newly developed R3 Land Revitalization Data Mapping Tool to inform strategic planning for expansion and improvements. The Mapping Tool targets under-represented communities, maps Opportunity Zones, and identifies LUST and Corrective Action sites as potential for redevelopment. The Mapping Tool also tracks outreach to people and where it occurs.
- Complete clean-ups and deletions of sites on the NPL. The Superfund Program had 8 NPL deletions, including 2 partial deletions in the past fiscal year. The remedial action reports show 54 construction projects brought to completion at Federal and private sites which met major milestones towards deletion.